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GENEALOGY

OF

FREDERICK H. WALDRON

FROM

THE TIME OF THE SETTLEMENT

OF

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THROUGH THE

WALDRONS, WHITNEYS AND
RIGGSES

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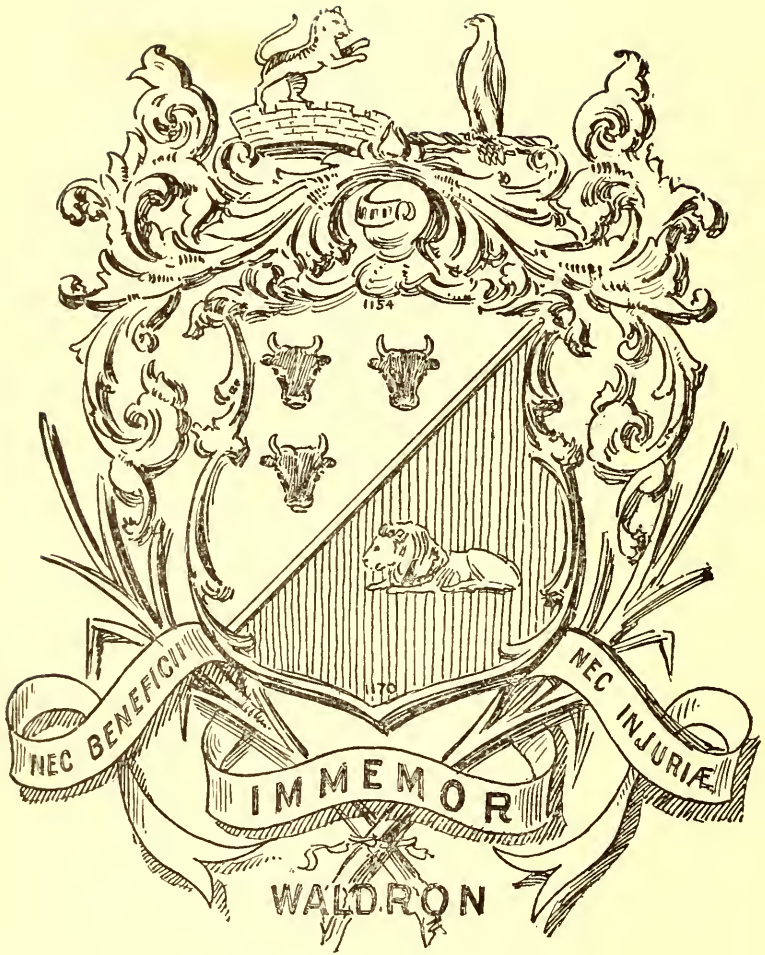
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PREFACE.

This little volume does not pretend to be a genealogy of the Waldron Family, from and through Resolved Waldron, who came to New Amsterdam in 1647 and was closely associated with Peter Stuyvesant, governor of New Amsterdam.

Such a generalogy would take much time and considerable correspondence—backed up financially. This, therefore, covers but one branch of the family of Resolved Waldron. Most of the facts contained herein are gleaned from books and files in the Astor and Lenox libraries in New York City and the Yale Library at New Haven, Conn.



WALDRON COAT OF ARMS.

The illustration represents in part the Waldron coat of arms belonging to the English branch of the family; it also includes a Dutch line, as represented by the lower portion.

First, three bulls' heads caboched sa., armed or quartered afflete.

Crests: First, a heraldic tiger sa., pellettee; second, granted by Charles I to Colonel Humphrey Waldron for services during the civil wars, on the mural crown an heraldic tiger pellettee.

Motto—*Nec beneficii nec injuriæ immemor.*

The Dutch coat was given to Sir Rudolph Waldron, who was knighted for bravery on the plains of Palestine in 1100. The falcon and the couched lion belong to the Dutch coat.

Lord Waldron was mayor of London twelve or thirteen years.

WALDRON GENEALOGY.

FREDERICK H. WALDRON, the subject of this sketch, was born on the fourteenth day of March, 1840, in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., and as a boy of six years moved with his parents to New Haven, Conn., where practically all his life has been passed. During his early boyhood he attended the public schools of the city, later being a student at boarding school at Oxford, Conn., and at Wheeler's Academy in Norwalk, Conn.

At the age of seventeen he went to Davenport, Iowa, remaining until the latter part of the year 1859, in the employ of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company, in the shops, with his uncle, Samuel W. Remer, who was superintendent of motive power.

On his return to New Haven, he was in the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for a year prior to his enlistment in Company F, Fourth Regiment, Connecticut Infantry, which regiment was afterwards transferred to the artillery branch of the service. Mr. Waldron served three full years with his regiment, and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service with the rank of corporal of artillery.

He participated in a number of hard fought battles, among which was the siege of Yorktown, where the heaviest siege of the war was planted, Hanover Court House, Old Church, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Golden Farms, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill and the campaign about Petersburg, where for eleven months this regiment fought in the trenches and where its services were most conspicuous and honorable, exposed to constant artillery and musket fire. One of the 13-inch mortars used before Petersburg by this regiment was placed on a monument erected by the regiment on the capitol grounds at Hartford, Conn., in September, 1902.

This regiment was the first in the United States to volunteer its services for three years, and was attached to several different army corps.

After his return from the services of the war, Mr. Waldron followed the trade of carpenter and pattern-maker until 1870, when he was appointed clerk of the Board of Public Works of the city of New Haven, which office he continued to hold by three year appointments until 1892, regardless of the political complexion of the board, and the length of time of his service is sufficient testimony of its quality.

In addition to his public duties, Mr. Waldron devoted much time to Masonic work, and a record of his career in the fraternity, on account of his activity and zeal for the institution, is extremely interesting.

He was made a Master Mason in Wooster Lodge, No. 79, at New Haven, while home on a furlough from the army, March 13, 1863; a Royal Arch Mason and a Royal and Select Master in Washington, D. C., in April, 1864, afterwards affiliating with the Chapter and Council in New Haven. He was created a Knight Templar in New Haven Commandery, No. 2, in 1869. In all of these bodies he still holds an active membership.

He was Worshipful Master of his Lodge during the years 1871 and 1872, regularly passed through the chairs of Harmony Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of that body for two years, 1871 and 1872. During the years 1871 and 1872 he was on the committee for the erection of the new Masonic Temple in New Haven and upon its completion and dedication he was the first to confer the degrees in the new building, in the presence of a large assembly of Masons. Passing through the several chairs, he was elected Eminent Commander of New Haven Commandery and served in that position two years, 1881 and 1882.

He has been actively connected with all the grand bodies of the state, passed through the several chairs, served as Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council during 1875, Grand Master of Masons in 1883, Grand Commander of Knights Templar during 1886, and trustee of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons for a number of years. He is a charter member of all the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in New Haven, has been elected and served as presiding officer of all these bodies, and has served as Second Lieutenant Commander of Lafayette Consistory and for a long term of years served as

secretary and treasurer of the Council of Deliberation of Connecticut.

He received the 33d degree of this rite in September, 1883, and is an honorary member of the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, and also a member of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States.

He organized the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of New Haven and was its secretary for twenty yéars, dispensing to the widows and orphans of Masons during that time over \$1,400,000.00 and leaving the association in good condition.

He also organized the Masonic Indemnity and Protective Union, an association for paying benefits resulting from sickness, accident or death, and was its first secretary.

Our subject has also been a zealous and earnest member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served as Commander of Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, of New Haven, in 1882 and rendered special service in financial matters. With others he consented to serve the Post officially in 1881. At that time the Post, so to speak, was below par, with a membership of about 104 and an indebtedness of over \$1,400.00. Under the new régime within two years the Post numbered over 500 members with over \$2,500.00 in the treasury, and in 1887 the Post numbered over 900 members with \$10,000.00 in its treasury. Mr. Waldron was appointed an aid on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Paul Vandervoort, in 1882. He was also appointed Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of the Grand Marshal at the dedication of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument on East Rock Park, June 17, 1887.

Mr. Waldron still maintains an active interest in all the bodies of which he is a member, and in whatever position he is placed he never ceases to labor for the interest of others, nor fails to show his love and devotion for his friends; and as has been said by another, "he is courteous in manner, quick in perception, well modulated voice, delivery graceful, and in general is gifted with those talents which constitute a successful presiding officer." In his household hospitality is a marked feature and those who know him best can testify to his liberality, courtesy and attention to his guests. He discharges well the duties of domestic life, and is faithful to the trust which rests on the husband and father.

He is one who is noble-minded, generous to a fault, genial and kind-hearted, earnest in his convictions and never hesitating to express opinions freely. His intimacies are not hastily formed, but when once made are never sundered, following well the motto on the Waldron coat of arms, "*Nec beneficium nec injuria immemor.*"

On September 20, 1871, Mr. Waldron married Miss Alice Bottomley, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., March 9, 1847. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Platt) Bottomley, who were from Delph, England. She was baptized in September, 1847, by the Reverend Thomas W. Coit, D.D., at St. John's (Episcopal) Church, Bridgeport. She died in New Haven, January 7, 1898. She was a member of St. Thomas's (Episcopal) Church.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Waldron, *viz.*:

GEORGE R., born December 2, 1874; married first, Phoebe Rice June, 1896; second, Jennie Jones June 20, 1906.

ALICE MAY, born May 1, 1878; married Harry W. Vanderbilt June 18, 1902; died January 7, 1904.

CHARLES W., born October 25, 1881; married Katherine Storck January, 1905.

FREDERICK H., Jr., born August 10, 1883. Yale 1907 S.

HARRY P., born March 29, 1885.

Mr. Waldron married second Alice Lane of Vineland, N. J., who was born in Smithville, N. J., March 25, 1871. Her parents were Samuel C. Lane and Annie Thornton Lane. On her mother's side she came from two of the oldest Quaker families in Pennsylvania, *viz.*, the Knights and the Thorntons. Her father died when she was three years of age. He served with distinction in the Civil War as captain of cavalry from New Jersey.

After the death of her father her mother took up her residence in Frankford, Pa., where the girls, Alice and Nellie, were raised, Alice attending the schools in Frankford and finishing her education in the Girls' Normal School in Philadelphia. She was interested in church and charitable work until the age of twenty, when her mother and children moved to Wildwood, N. J., and thence to Vineland.

On his father's side Mr. Waldron traces his ancestry back to the year 1100, and in this country to 1654. On his mother's side

the ancestry is traced to and through the Whitneys in this country to about 1665-66.

About the year 1100 Baron RUDOLPH VON WALDRON won his coat of arms fighting the Turks on the plains of Palestine, and in 1156 Richard, son of Rudolph, won his coat of arms for valiant services in the field under Henry II, who was the first Plantagenet who sat on the throne of England and united the Norman and Saxon races. Copies of these coats of arms have been handed down through several generations to the present time, some of which are in the possession of Mr. Waldron.

Mr. Waldron comes from sturdy Dutch stock, and his ancestors have been on American soil for generations. The first of whom we have record is Baron Resolved Waldron, son of Count Johannas VonWaldron, who was born in 1610, in Amsterdam, Holland. He was well educated in Latin, French and English. He was an extensive traveler in Europe and South America, spent some time in Brazil and returning to his native land, Holland, in 1645, married Rebecca Hendryx in 1647. She died 165-. He afterward became acquainted with Lady Tanneka Neigle, daughter of Baron Von Neigle, and was married to her May 10, 1654. Resolved Waldron joined the staff of Governor Peter Stuyvesant in May, 1647, and continued to serve the Dutch government during Stuyvesant's administration until James, Duke of York, sent four ships of war during time of peace in 1664 and robbed the Dutch of all their possessions in America.

Resolved Waldron acted as ambassador to all the petty English courts in New England, Virginia and Baltimore. He with two others obtained the first grant from Stuyvesant for New Harlem in 1654, of that portion of Manhattan Island lying between 82d and 109th Streets, extending from North River to East River. He established the first ferry and erected the first Dutch church in that town. He also built himself a stone mansion on East River (called by the Dutch "Helengate," or "roaring water"). The Indian name was "Sevandican," or "mad water." The Indian name for the land or bowery was "Rachewanas," or "crooked land." This bowery or plantation was about a mile along the water. Here Waldron lived a number of years until his sons grew up and married and then, while chief magistrate, he removed to Kingsbridge.

The old Waldron stone mansion at Horn Hook (88th Street, north side, a little east of Avenue A) was erected in 1660 and was kept in good repair until 1870, when it was destroyed by fire—210 years old.

Resolved Waldron departed this life about 1706, about ninety-six years of age, and was buried in "God's acre" beside the little church on the banks of the Harlem River.

From the "History of Harlem" by Riker we extract the following, page 554: "Resolved Waldron, noted as he was, one of the most intelligent of Harlem settlers, needed not the titular dignity of Baron which some of poetic humor claim for him, yet he might have well graced the title. As we have seen, he had been in the printing business at Amsterdam and emigrated with his family to New Amsterdam in 1654. Received with his brother Joseph and their wives to the fellowship of the Church at New Amsterdam, the first care was to secure a home and on April 3d ensuing bought a house and lot on Broadway near Wall street, both entering the Public service. Resolved being made overseer of the work on April 17, 1657, he applied for the burgess right and under date of May 3rd, 1657, occurs the entry, 'Resolved Waldron being admitted a burger hath on this day taken the oath of fidelity.' His salary was increased soon thereafter. Found to be efficient the Director and Council on May 25th, 1658, appointed him deputy of the *Schout fiscal* or Attorney General *de-sille*, the Bergomasters being ordered to recognize him as deputy sheriff. Very exacting in carrying out his orders and enforcing the Laws, he was charged by the Quakers 'some of whom he arrested' with being hard hearted."

He visited upon public errands every part of the province, and even the neighboring colonies, and in 1659, with Augustine Herrmans, was sent to Maryland to vindicate the Dutch title on the Delaware.

The next year the directors in Holland would have made Waldron sheriff of the Dutch towns on Long Island, but Stuyvesant wrote to them June 25, 1660, "Respecting the person Resolved Waldron, we may be permitted to remark that when appointed as a deputy of the *fiscal* and as *schout-by-macht* in this City, he conducted himself with so much fidelity and vigilance, that he gave to us and the magistrates, great satisfaction, so that his services both as respects the Company and the

fiscial can hardly be dispensed with, besides he would not be so well fitted for the shrievalty of said villages, as he cannot well wield his pen:—therefore till your further orders on the point, we shall ask his continuance in that office.”

Stuyvesant was allowed to retain his favorite officer while his rule lasted. On the accession of the English, Waldron took the oath of allegiance (October, 1664), but retired to private life at Harlem, with the disappointment of one whose interests, as well as sympathies, all lay with the former government. It was still a pleasure to correspond with Holland.

Morton Govert of Amsterdam, writing to Waldron April 12, 1666, says, “Brother Tall Anna has gone over with the Super-cargo who lived in Nicholas Carmens house.” Waldron had secured some property in Harlem, and was soon called to public life, from which he seldom had a respite for the rest of his life.

He was one of the five patentees named in the Nichols patent, and also served in the eldership. He died in 1690, his inventory taken that year (May 17) embracing “lands, slaves, farm stock, etc., three lots of land lying upon VanKenlen’s Hook, with one lot of land lying upon Jochem Pietus and a house with its lot comprising buildings and plantation as it is situated and lying at this village, as also a piece of meadow lying in Round meadow.” He left issue as follows: by Rebecca—

*WILLIAM, born 1647; married Engeltie Stoutenburg.

REBECCA, born 1649; married John Nagle.

AELTIE, born 1651; married Captain Johannes Vermilye.

Issue by Tanneka:

BARNET, born 1655.

RUTH, born 1657; married John Dalamater.

CORNELIA, born 1659; married Peter Von Obliens.

JOHANNAS, born 1665.

SAMUEL, born 1670.

*WILLIAM WALDRON, the eldest son of the Baron, was born in old Amsterdam, Holland, February 1, 1647, and was brought to New Amsterdam (now New York City) in his nurse’s arms when three months old. He became a cooper and was made viewer of pipe staves June 7, 1676.

On December 17, 1679, he and the other coopers, in all twenty-two, formed a combination to maintain their prices upon casks and barrels and prevent underselling.

For this they were proceeded against before the Governor and Council, and fined each fifty shillings, "for the churches pious fund uses."

The cullers and pipe stavers were dismissed and Waldron and his partner, Peterson, were sworn as cullers February 16, 1680. Waldron was appointed one of the public measurers December 1, 1702.

He married Engeltie, daughter of Peter Stoutenburg, burgo-master and city treasurer of New Amsterdam, February 10, 1671. They left issue as follows:

REBECCA, born 1672.

*PETER, born 1675.

HENDRICK, born 1677.

WILLIAM, born 1680.

ARFIE, born 1682.

JENNETTE, born 1692.

WYNTIE, born 1694.

*PETER WALDRON went to Albany, N. Y., and married in 1698 Fryntie Cornelia, daughter of Corneliüs Vandenburg. He died in Albany May 3, 1725, leaving issue as follows:

• ENGELTIE, born in New Harlem, February 19, 1699.

Peter and his wife removing to Albany, the rest of the children were born there:

WILLIAM, born April 28, 1700.

CORNELIA, born December 2, 1702.

*CORNELIUS, born November 18, 1705.

ENGALTIE, born May 23, 1708.

CATHERINE, born October 24, 1711.

EVA, born April 11, 1714.

PETER, born July 26, 1717.

REBECCA, born August 30, 1719.

GERRETT, born April 7, 1723.

*CORNELIUS WALDRON, son of Peter of Albany, born November 18, 1705, married Jemette Van Ness September 26, 1732. He was killed by a Hessian May 11, 1756, leaving issue as follows:

PETER, born June 23, 1734.
EVERETT, born May 9, 1736.
*GERRETT, born June 4, 1738.
GERTIE, born March 15, 1741.
CORNELIUS, born June 5, 1743.
HENDRICK, born May 12, 1745.
TRYNTE, born November 29, 1747.
WILLIAM, born March 5, 1749.

Peter, Gerrett, Everett and William were soldiers of the Revolution, serving in the Twelfth Regiment, Albany County Militia, Colonel Jacob VonSchoonovan commanding.

*GERRETT WALDRON, son of Cornelius, married Catherine Vandenburg November 26, 1761, and left issue as follows:

CORNELIUS, born June 28, 1763.
ANNETTE, born October 12, 1764.
WYNAND, born December 18, 1766.
PETER, born November 10, 1768.
ABRAHAM, born April 14, 1771.
EVERETT, born October 17, 1773.
*GILBERT, born February 11, 1778.

*GILBERT WALDRON, son of Gerrett, married Margaret Grawberger May 12, 1802. He died May 3, 1830, at Honesdale, Pa., where he had large contracts on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, then in process of construction. They moved to Jamesburg, N. Y., in 1811 and about 1820 to Fort Edward, thence to Milford, Pa., and finally to Honesdale. His wife died in the autumn of 1848. They left issue as follows:

*ABRAM GREGORY, born January 8, 1803.
MARIE G., born September 14, 1804.
CATHERINE, born December 3, 1806.
JANE ANN, born December 18, 1808.
ELIZABETH, born November 29, 1810.
AMELIA, born February 1, 1813.
GEORGE R., born October 3, 1815.
MARGARET, born July 17, 1818.
CAROLINE, born September 18, 1821.
ELIAS, born December 23, 1824.

*ABRAM GREGORY WALDRON married Jennette Remer April 11, 1836. After his father's death Abram went to

Marietta, Pa., thence to Geneva, N. Y. He was an accountant by profession. He was located in Buffalo, N. Y., in the late thirties, where he remained until 1846, when he went to Bridgeport, Conn., with his family, and in 1848-49 removed to New Haven, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying May 22, 1873, aged seventy. He was actively engaged in his chosen profession up to the time of his death, keeping books for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. He was an Odd Fellow and a Mason, holding membership in the Lodge, Chapter and Council. He was buried with Masonic honors.

He was married at Seneca Falls, N. Y. His wife was a native of Derby, Conn. She was born June 11, 1815, and died in New Haven August 26, 1855. She attended St. Thomas's (Episcopal) Church, of which Mr. Waldron was a member at one time. He previously had united with St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church and finally became a member of the Third M. E. Church, retaining his membership there at the time of his death. They left issue as follows:

*FREDERICK H. WALDRON, born at Buffalo, N. Y., March 14, 1840; married Alice Bottomley September 20, 1871; married second, Alice W. Lane August 10, 1905.

HENRY OSCAR, born at Buffalo, N. Y., June 11, 1842; married Martha Spencer, died ———; married second, Fannie Burroughs, died ———; married third, Minnie Spindler December 20, 1883.

Children:

FANNIE H., born January 21, 1877.

LILLIAN, born October 2, 1884.

ALBERT F., born 1887.

WILLIAM ISAACS, born at Buffalo, N. Y., May 31, 1844; died June 9, 1847.

SAMUEL CLARK, born at Buffalo, N. Y., April 2, 1846; married Jennie M. Hall March 9, 1887.

Children:

CHARLES B., died 13 months of age.

M. JENNETTE, born June 27, 1889.

FRANCIS HENRIETTA, born at Bridgeport, Conn., March 17, 1848; married Joshua G. Leete April 17, 1887. He died March 21, 1894.

MARIA G. WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, married Thomas L. Reese January 27, 1831. She died July 22, 1889, leaving issue as follows:

GILBERT, born July 7, 1832; married Louisa M. Matthews; died July 24, 1860.

THEODORE, born September 20, 1834; married Annie E. Revell; died August 3, 1899.

EMMA C., born October 5, 1837; married Volney Chapin October 5, 1859.

MARY JANE, born September 18, 1839; died June 18, 1843.

CATHERINE E., born September 20, 1841; died June 25, 1843.

MARY E., born June 12, 1844; died May 24, 1861.

IDA, born August 24, 1846; died February 25, 1852.

CATHERINE WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, married Jacob Lovejoy, having issue as follows:

PHINEAS.

FRANKLIN.

WILLIAM.

FREDERICK.

HARRIET.

GEORGE.

} twins, born about 1842.

JANE ANN WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, married Phineas Tyler, June 30, 1831, having issue as follows:

HENRY OSCAR, born March 20, 1832; died October 16, 1840.

GEORGE CALVERT, born March 8, 1834; died August 5, 1835.

MARY, born January 8, 1836; married David C. Whyte November 15, 1881.

GEORGE, born November 19, 1839; married Annie Stobel November 26, 1862; died August 20, 1905.

HENRY L., born January 8, 1845; died March 11, 1906.

HARRIET IDA, born December 15, 1845; married David C. Whyte December 15, 1868; died December 19, 1876.

NATHAN P., born October 11, 1848; married Mary Miller June 16, 1884.

ELIZABETH WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, married Jacob Tudor.

AMELIA WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, married James Morgan. For a number of years he was steward

of the Western Transportation Steamboat Co. He was located in Buffalo, N. Y. He died April 17, 1878. She died June 28, 1900, leaving issue as follows:

CARRIE, born June 28, 1845.

MARY ESTELLE, born October 10, 1847.

JAMES R., JR., born September 14, 1850.

GEORGE R. WALDRON, son of Gilbert and Margaret, married Mary Christman December 3, 1835. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He died November 4, 1893, leaving issue as follows:

CARRIE M., born November 11, 1836; married Wilson Fox March 29, 1840.

JANE V., born October 6, 1838; married Charles E. Simmons August 28, 1860.

G. GILBERT, born July 18, 1840; married Minnie Harrison November, 1863.

CAROLINE, born March 17, 1843; died 1859.

HARRIET E., born February 4, 1845; married Alonzo L. Slawson.

J. CHRISTMAN, born December 25, 1847; married Annie Hudson March 9, 1871.

ABRAM D., born June 27, 1848; died May 7, 1854.

MARCILLA T., born February 26, 1850; married Milo Russell May 27, 1876.

FRANKLIN T., born June 29, 1852; died November 30, 1863.

IDA B., born December 10, 1856; married Henry Miller June 29, 1876.

MARGARET WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, born July 17, 1818; married Jacob Atwater.

CAROLINE WALDRON, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret, born September 18, 1821; married William Rogers, having issue as follows:

FRANKLIN, born July 12, 1843.

ELIAS WALDRON, son of Gilbert and Margaret, born December 23, 1824; drowned at sea.

WALDRON.

RESOLVED WALDRON, born in Amsterdam, Holland, 1610, came to New York
(New Amsterdam) 1647.

His son, WILLIAM, born in Amsterdam, Holland, 1647.

His son, PETER, born in New York, 1675.

His son, CORNELIUS, born in Albany, N. Y., November 18, 1705.

His son, GERRETT, born June 4, 1738.

His son, GILBERT, born February 11, 1778.

His son, ABRAM, born January 8, 1803.

His son, FREDERICK, born in Buffalo, N. Y., March 14, 1840.





WALDRON THROUGH THE WHITNEYS.

Through his mother Frederick H. Waldron is descended from several families long held in the highest esteem in the state (Conn.).

HENRY WHITNEY, the earliest of this family whom we can trace in America, was born in England in 1620, came to America and was associated with others in buying lands in Southold, L. I., in 1649. He afterwards settled in Huntington, L. I., where he was selectman (Town Records of Southold, L. I., vol. 1, p. 89). He went to Norwalk, Conn., about 1665, where he died about 1673.

JOHN WHITNEY, son of Henry, was born probably before his father went to Southold; as a fact he was full age before January 20, 1665-66. He settled with his father in Norwalk, Conn., following his business of millwright and miller, succeeding him in the possession of the mill and homestead, and there married, March 17, 1674-75, Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Richard Smith. He died in Norwalk in 1720, leaving issue as follows:

JOHN, born at Norwalk, Conn., March 12, 1676-77; married Elizabeth Finch March 4, 1709.

JOSEPH, born March 1, 1678-79; married Hannah Hoyt July 6, 1704.

HENRY, born at Norwalk, February 21, 1680-81; married Elizabeth Olmstead July 14, 1710.

ELIZABETH, born at Norwalk in 1684; married Joseph Keeler.

RICHARD, born at Norwalk, April 18, 1687; married Hannah Darling.

SAMUEL, born at Norwalk in 1688; married Anna Laboree January 18, 1721.

ANNE, born at Norwalk in 1691; married Martha St. John October 13, 1709.

ELENOR, born at Norwalk in 1693; married Johnathan Fairchild January 27, 1713.

NATHAN, date of birth not known.

SARAH, date of birth not known; married Samuel Smith June 13, 1717.

*JOSIAH, born at Norwalk, date not known; married Eunice Hanford October 30, 1729.

*JOSIAH WHITNEY, son of John and Elizabeth (Smith), was born at Norwalk, Conn., date unknown; married Eunice Hanford of Norwalk, Conn., October 30, 1729, daughter of Eleazur Hanford and Hannah his wife, and granddaughter of Rev. Thomas and Mary (Miles) Hanford of Norwalk. They settled in Norwalk, where he died early in 1750, leaving issue as follows:

JOSIAH, born at Norwalk, Conn., February 10, 1730.

STEPHEN, born at Norwalk, February 10, 1732; married Sarah Wheeler December 27, 1737.

*HENRY, born at Norwalk, February 19, 1735; married Eunice Clark in 1761.

ELEAZUR, born at Norwalk, March 7, 1737.

ISAAC, born at Norwalk, March 27, 1741.

*HENRY, son of Josiah and Eunice (Hanford), was born in Norwalk, Conn., February 19, 1735-36; married in 1761, at Derby, Conn., to Eunice Clark†, daughter of William and Hannah Clark of Derby, where she was born April 15, 1746. They settled in Derby and there owned the Covenant in the Church April 11, 1762. He died in Derby May 11, 1811, aged seventy-five years. An obituary notice of him quaintly says: "He was the founder of King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M. (was its first treasurer, 1783). He squared his life by the rules of Masonry and directed by the invariable compass of rectitude, he entered the harbor of rest. His Masonic brethren honored his interment with the sprig of evergreen, emblem of

† Her sister, Eliza Clark of Lyme Center, married Joseph Hull of Derby in 1749 and became the mother of General William Hull and grandmother of Commodore Isaac Hull. Their father, William Clark, father of Eunice (Clark) Whitney, is said (see Clark's "Descendants of Hull," p. 5) to have gone from Lyme to Derby in 1733 and to have been a descendant of Thomas Clark, who was thought to have been mate of the Mayflower in 1620. Hannah, wife of William Clark, died in 1801, aged ninety-one years, leaving descendants to the number of 333 ("Whitney's Genealogy," vol. 1, p. 42).

that eternal life, the donation of the Grand Architect, who will hail with the voice of brotherly love every free and well accepted Mason unto the Grand Lodge above. He was for many years an active and useful inhabitant of this town. He died much lamented and respected by his relations and acquaintances. He was a member and a communicant of the Episcopal Church and was buried according to the rites and ceremonies of that Church. He was a soldier of the Revolution and had the rank of captain." He left issue as follows :

WILLIAM CLARK, born at Derby, Conn. in 1762; married Mary Thomson.

*JOSIAH, born at Derby in 1764; married Hannah Riggs.

ISAAC, born at Derby in 1767.

SHELDON, born at Derby in 1769.

HENRY, born at Derby in 1772; married Mary Suydam.

SUSAN, born at Derby in 1774.

STEPHEN, born at Derby in 1776.

*JOSIAH WHITNEY, son of Henry and Eunice, born at Derby in 1764, a master mariner, was married in 1784 at Derby to Hannah Riggs, daughter of Captain Joseph and Rachel (Charfield) Riggs of Derby, where she was born March 6, 1767. He dwelt in Derby and was a member of the Congregational Church in the place. He was commander of a vessel in the South American trade and was cast away in 1794. He died in Demerara, South America, in August of that year in consequence of his sufferings and exposure in the shipwreck. His widow joined the Congregational Church in Derby November 18, 1808 ("Whitney Genealogy," vol. 1, p. 117, 118). He left issue as follows :

*HANNAH, born at Derby, Conn., June 20, 1785; married Abram Remer August 20, 1805.

MARIA, born at Derby, March 14, 1787; married George Finley December 24, 1807.

JOSIAH CLARK, born at Derby in April, 1789; married Esther E. Mosher March 24, 1800.

MARTHA, born at Derby, March 26, 1792; married Jonathan Stone March 4, 1808.

STEPHEN M., born at Derby, February 17, 1794; married Charlotte Lewis September 22, 1822.

*HANNAH WHITNEY, daughter of Josiah and Hannah, was born in Derby, Conn., June 20, 1785, married August 20, 1805, at Derby, to Abram Remer, who was born in Carlisle, Pa., June 7, 1783, a son of Lewis Remer (a Revolutionary soldier who served in Captain Jacob TenEyck's Company, First Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey Militia), and Rebecca (Runion) Remer. They dwelt in Derby, where he carried on a large business, employing many men, in the manufacture of shoes, till May, 1827. They then removed to Seneca Falls, N. Y., and after ten years to Montezuma, N. Y., where he kept a tavern and grocery store for more than twenty years. They then dwelt with their son, Samuel Whitney Remer, at Davenport, Iowa, for three years and with their daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Downes, at Downey Station, Iowa, till 1863, when they returned to Bridgeport, Conn. She died there September 30, 1864. He died in the city of New York March 20, 1866. Both were buried in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport ("Whitney Genealogy," vol. I, p. 339). They left issue as follows:

JOSIAH LEWIS, born at Derby, Conn., July 22, 1806.

LUCILLE ANN, born at Derby, September 21, 1808.

LEWIS JOSIAH, born at New York City, March 23, 1810.

HENRIETTA, born at New York City, December 20, 1811.

REBECCA, born at New York City, September 20, 1813.

*JENNETTE, born at Derby, June 11, 1815.

STEPHEN HENRY, born at Derby, April 2, 1817.

SUSAN, born at Derby, April 8, 1819.

WILLIAM JOSIAH, born at Derby, May 11, 1820.

SAMUEL WHITNEY, born at Derby, February 16, 1822.

SARAH ADELINE, born at Derby, February 22, 1826.

JULIA ANN, born at Seneca Falls, N. Y., October 20, 1828.

*JENNETTE REMER, daughter of Abram and Hannah (Whitney), was born in Derby, Conn., June 11, 1815. She died at New Haven, Conn., August 23, 1853. She was married to Abram G. Waldron in Seneca Falls, N. Y., April 11, 1836. Five children blessed this union, of which the subject of this sketch is the eldest.

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WALDRON THROUGH THE WHITNEYS.

HENRY WHITNEY, born in England in 1620, came to America in 164-.

JOHN WHITNEY, son of Henry, born in England in 164-; married Elizabeth Smith of Norwalk, Conn., March 17, 1674.

JOSIAH WHITNEY, son of John and Elizabeth, born in Norwalk, Conn.; married Eunice Hanford October 30, 1729.

HENRY, son of Josiah and Eunice, born in Norwalk, Conn., in 1735; married Eunice Clark in 1761.

JOSIAH WHITNEY, son of Henry and Eunice, born in Derby, Conn., in 1764; married to Hannah Riggs in 1784.

HANNAH WHITNEY, daughter of Josiah and Hannah, born in Derby, Conn., in 1785; married to Abram Remer in 1805.

JENNETTE REMER, daughter of Hannah and Abram, born in Derby, Conn., in 1815; married to Abram G. Waldron in 1836.



WALDRON THROUGH THE RIGGSES.

EDWARD RIGGS and his family came from England to New England about 1630 (see "History of Derby," p. 755). It is stated that he was born in Yorkshire, England. He married in Essex County, England, in 1618 (record of his marriage is in Essex County parish church and the baptism of his children). His daughter's death was the first in the Colony. He lost his wife and all his children but three in the first year after his arrival in America. The family settled in Roxbury, Mass., and belonged to Rev. John Eliot's church. He was the so-called apostle to the Indians and published an Indian Bible and many other books. He married first Elizabeth. She died and he then married second Elizabeth. He died in Roxbury, in 1672. Elizabeth (first) died in August, 1635; Elizabeth (second) died in 1669. The following children were born in England:

EDWARD, 2D, born about 1614.

LYDEA, born about 1618; died in August, 1633.

JOHN, born about 1618; died in 1634.

ELIZABETH, born about 1622; married a Mr. Allen.

MARY, born about 1625; married a Mr. Twitchell.

EDWARD RIGGS, 2d, son of Edward and Elizabeth, married Elizabeth Rossa April 5, 1635, in Boston ("History of Derby," p. 653-654). He was known as Sergeant Riggs. In the Pequot War he greatly distinguished himself in rescuing his commander and twelve men from an ambush, and was afterwards known as Sergeant Riggs. Nothing further is known of him till 1646, when he settled in Milford, Conn. In 1654 he with Edward Wooster settled in Paugasset (now Derby), Wooster by the side of the river, where the city of Derby now stands, and Riggs on the hill east, where his descendants have resided and hold property to the present day. He bought land of the Indians and built a house with a stockade around it.

This house of Edward Riggs stood by the rock a few rods west of the house now occupied by Captain Joseph Riggs, the

present owner. The house was the one where Whalley and Goffe, the judges of Charles I, took refuge in 1661, and for being the protector of these refugees the Riggs family will bear lasting honor by all true lovers of constitutional liberty (see "History of Derby").

In 1667 he moved to Newark, N. J., with his family, except his son Samuel. Edward died in 1668 in Newark. The widow married Caleb Carwithe. Edward Riggs left issue as follows:

EDWARD, born in 1636.

*SAMUEL, born in 1640; married Sarah Baldwin.

JOSEPH, born in 1642; married Hannah Brown.

MARY, born in 1644; married George Day.

*Ensign SAMUEL RIGGS, son of Edward and Elizabeth, married Sarah Baldwin of Milford, Conn., June 14, 1667; married second, Mrs. Sarah Washburn May 6, 1713. He was a leading man in Derby and was elected to many important offices. He died in 1738. Samuel and Sarah left issue as follows:

ELIZABETH, born in June, 1668; married Robe Bassett.

SAMUEL, born October 6, 1670.

SARAH, born in 1672; died in 1672.

SARAH, born May 31, 1674; married Jonathan Lum October 10, 1700.

*JOHN, born April 1, 1676; married Elizabeth Tomlinson.

EBENEZER, born October 7, 1680.

HANNAH, born February 24, 1683; married Abram Merger in 1703.

JOSEPH, born February 22, 1686; died October 22, 1787.

*Captain JOHN RIGGS, son of Ensign Samuel and Sarah, married Elizabeth Tomlinson February 23, 1700. He was honored by his townsmen with many important offices. He represented the town of Derby in the General Court for thirty-three years. He was commissioned captain in 1722 (see Biography, p. 755). He died September 24, 1755. Elizabeth died April 17, 1747. They left issue as follows:

SAMUEL, born January 2, 1701.

ANNIE, born June 10, 1704; married Samuel Hull.

ELIZABETH, born June 17, 1706; married Daniel Holbrook.

*JOSEPH, born February 13, 1710; married Mabel (Chatfield) Johnson.

SARAH, born December 11, 1711; married first, John Bowers; second, Daniel Humphreys, and was the mother of General David Humphreys.

*Lieutenant JOSEPH RIGGS, son of Captain John and Elizabeth, married Mabel (Chatfield) Johnson February 20, 1740. He died March 31, 1792. Mabel died December 1, 1806. They left issue as follows:

HANNAH, born December 21, 1740; married Alexander Johnson.

JOHN, born April 10, 1743.

*JOSEPH, born May 20, 1746.

SAMUEL, born November 21, 1750; died September 21, 1766.

MABEL, born May 5, 1759.

*Captain JOSEPH RIGGS, son of Lieutenant Joseph and Mabel, married Rachel Chatfield in May, 1766; married second, Elizabeth Johnson February 26, 1783. Joseph died May 20, 1822; Rachel died May 4, 1778; Elizabeth died in 1842.

Children by Rachel Chatfield.

*HANNAH, born March 6, 1767; married Josiah Whitney in 1784.

ELIZABETH, born April 23, 1769; married Daniel Holbrook.

SAMUEL, born January 27, 1771; married Polly Wiseman.

BETTY, born January 11, 1775; married John Hotchkiss.

Children by Elizabeth Johnson.

RANFORD, born January 12, 1784; married Deborah Baldwin.

RACHEL, born January 12, 1786; married Lewis Remer.

JOSEPH H., born October 9, 1793; married Betsey Baldwin.

In 1777 Congress provided that in order to pledge fidelity to the United States an "oath of fidelity" should be taken. Among the persons who took this oath in Derby on September 16, 1777, are found the names of Captain Joseph Riggs and Joseph Riggs, Jr. A committee of inspection was appointed December 11, 1775, at Derby, "lest the enemies at home do more harm than any abroad," and Captain Riggs served upon this committee. In the autumn of 1778 a committee was appointed to aid in the work of forwarding clothing to the soldiers; Captain Riggs was a member. In March, 1780, a committee for the inspection of provisions was appointed; Lieutenant Joseph Riggs (Joseph Riggs, Jr.) served in that capacity (Orcutt and Beardsley's "History of Derby").

*HANNAH RIGGS, daughter of Joseph and Rachel, married Josiah Whitney in 1784. He was born in Derby in 1764 and died

in Demerara, South America, in August, 1794. They left issue as follows:

*HANNAH, born June 20, 1785; married Abram Remer August 10, 1805.

MARIA, born March 14, 1789; married Samuel Finley.

JOSIAH CLARK, born April 1, 1790; married Esther E. Moseley in 1811.

MARTHA, born March 26, 1792; married Johnathan Storie March 4, 1808.

STEPHEN MERRITT, born February 17, 1794; married Charlotte Lewis September, 1822.

*HANNAH WHITNEY, daughter of Hannah and Joseph, married Abram Remer of Derby, Conn., August 20, 1805; died September 20, 1864, leaving issue as follows:

JOSIAH, born July 22, 1806; died June 10, 1815.

LUCILLE ANN, born September 21, 1808; married Frederick Parrott April 8, 1827.

Children:

HENRY R., born June 4, 1829; married Anna J. Garland.

MARY FRANCIS, born January 31, 1832; married John Whitney.

FREDERICK G., born April 16, 1834; died July 11, 1835.

REBECCA, born March 20, 1836; died November 11, 1846.

LEWIS JOSIAH, born May 23, 1810; died September 15, 1810.

HENRIETTA, born December 20, 1811; married Beach Downs November 4, 1828.

Children:

HENRY R., born February 21, 1831; married Mary Ann Brockett.

THEODORE W., born November 16, 1834; married Harriett A. Houston.

FREDERICK B., born October 5, 1837; died January 4, 1861.

REBECCA, born September 20, 1813; died September 30, 1829.

*JENNETTE, born June 11, 1815; married Abram G. Waldron, April 11, 1836.

Children:

FREDERICK H., born March 14, 1840; married Alice Bottomley September 20, 1871 (she died January 7, 1898); married second, Alice Lane August 10, 1905.

HENRY O., born June 11, 1842; married Martha Spencer; married second, Fannie Burroughs; married third, Minnie L. Spindler.

SAMUEL CLARK, born April 2, 1846; married Jennie M. Hall.

FRANCIS H., born March 17, 1848; married Joshua G. Leete April 27, 1887.

STEPHEN HENRY, born April 2, 1817; married Adelaide Tibbals
January 28, 1842.

Children:

ISABELLA R., born February 24, 1844; married John C. M.
Kohler.

CLARENCE E., born January 26, 1850.

SUSAN W., born April 8, 1819; died August 10, 1819.

WILLIAM J., born May 11, 1820; married Elizabeth ———.

Children:

LUCILLA ANN, born August 17, 1845; married William H.
Chilson.

EMMA JANE, born July 23, 1847; died August 22, 1849.

HENRIETTA E., born December 17, 1850; married C. J. Burdick.

MARY J., born July 29, 1855.

JOHN J., born February 26, 1857.

FLORA I., born March 5, 1863.

SAMUEL W., born February 18, 1822; married Phoebe Wing May
17, 1850.

Children:

ELIZABETH A. N., born December 22, 1855.

SAMUEL W., born November 30, 1857.

GURDON C., born March 8, 1867.

SARAH, born February 29, 1824; married Richard Springstead April
22, 1843.

Children:

FRANK, born ———.

SAMUEL, born ———.

ABRAM L., born February 29, 1826; married Mary Long.

Children:

CATHERINE, born ———; married Edward Smith.

JENNETTE, born ———.

HENRIETTE, born ———.

HANNAH, born ———.

JOHN, born ———.

EMERSON, born ———.

ELIZABETH, born ———.

JULIA ANN, born October 20, 1828; married Henry Craft in 1848.

Children:

CHARLES, born January 2, 1849.

HENRIETTA, born September 10, 1850.

EMMA JANE, born July 6, 1852.

SAMUEL J., born June 20, 1854.

CORNELIUS J., born June 24, 1856.

HANNAH, born November 25, 1858.

WILLIAM B., born July 21, 1860.

EDWIN WHITNEY, born January 22, 1862.

GEORGE H., born July 27, 1864.

WALDRON THROUGH THE RIGGSES.

- EDWARD RIGGS, born in Yorkshire, England; married Elizabeth in 1618 in Essex County, England; came to New England about 1630.
- EDWARD RIGGS, 2D, son of Edward and Elizabeth, born about 1641; married Elizabeth Rossa April 5, 1635, in Boston, Mass.
- SAMUEL, son of Edward and Elizabeth, born in 1640; died in 1738; married Sarah Baldwin of Milford, Conn., June 14, 1667.
- JOHN, son of Ensign Samuel and Sarah, born April 1, 1676; married Elizabeth Thompson February 23, 1700.
- JOSEPH, son of John and Elizabeth, born February 13, 1710; married Mabel Chatfield February 20, 1740.
- JOSEPH, son of Lieutenant Joseph and Mabel, born May 20, 1746; married Rachel Chatfield in May, 1766.
- HANNAH, daughter of Joseph and Rachel, born March 6, 1767; married Josiah Whitney in 1784.
- HANNAH, daughter of Hannah and Josiah, born June 20, 1785; married Abram Remer of Derby, Conn., August 20, 1805.
- JENNETTE, daughter of Hannah and Abram, born June 11, 1815; married Abram G. Waldron April 11, 1836.
- FREDERICK H. WALDRON, son of Jennette and Abram G. Waldron, born March 14, 1840.



